DR. S. JOHN: A few months back.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Sir, I ask when the Government passed that order? Will the Surgeon General will be pleased to give the date? His answer is not illuminating.

DR. S. JOHN: Sir, I claim notice.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether a building was not contemplated in 1119?

DR. S. JOHN: I think so.

Hospitals in the State for women and children.

183. *MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of hospitals in the State for women and children and where they are situated;

(*b*) whether they have any idea of starting any new hospital for women and children in North Travancore and if so, where; and

(*c*) whether the Government are convinced of the necessity of such a hospital in Muvattupuzha taluk to meet the requirements of the surrounding hospitals and dispensaries?

DR. S. JOHN: (*a*) Two. One in Trivandrum and the other at Quilon.

(*b*) Not at present.

(*c*) No.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know whether the Government is alive to the desirability of a Women and Children's Hospital in North Travancore?

DR. S. JOHN: I do not think it is necessary, because Lady Doctors are posted in all the Hospitals and there are Women's Hospitals in Trivandrum and Quilon. I do not think that a hospital is necessary in North Travancore.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: Sir, as there are Lady Doctors in the Hospital in North Travancore, the honourable member is of the opinion that there is no need for a Women and Children's hospital there. But, in view of the fact that there are Lady Doctors in the hospitals of Trivandrum and Quilon, does the honourable member think there also there is no necessity to have separate hospitals?

DR. S. JOHN: Sir, the point is that the Lady Doctors are appointed in the big hospitals in Trivandrum, and Quilon and Kottayam only to give training to the Lady Doctors. If the women and children are given proper treatment there, I do not think that the question arises.

Refresher Course in the Medical Department.

184. *MR. N. D. PARAMESWARAN NAMBOODIRI (*The Travancore Jennies—North*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Doctors in the Medical Department are given any refresher course; and

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, the term and centre of the same?

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